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8           UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9           WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10           AT SEATTLE

11 ALEXANDER WARD,

12           Plaintiff,

13           v.

14 ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC. et al.,

15           Defendants.

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17           CASE NO. C06-431JLR

18           MINUTE ORDER

19           The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable  
20 James L. Robart:

21           The court is in receipt of the parties' agreed motion to extend certain pretrial  
22 deadlines in this matter (Dkt. # 23). The court DENIES the stipulation. If the parties  
23 wish to enter a new stipulation, they must do so in compliance with this order.

24           The court issues scheduling orders setting trial dates and related dates to provide a  
25 reasonable schedule for the resolution of disputes. First, the court generally sets the  
26 discovery cut-off 30 days prior to the deadline for filing dispositive motions in order to  
27 ensure that the court has before it a complete record when it considers a motion that could  
28 potentially dispose of the case. Second, the schedule generally provides 90 days between  
the deadline for filing dispositive motions and the trial date. This 90-day period takes

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1 into account: (a) an approximate 30-day lag between the date a party files a motion and  
2 the date that motion becomes ripe for the court's consideration, see Local Rules W.D.  
3 Wash. CR 7(d)(3); and (b) an additional 30 days during which the court endeavors to rule  
4 on the motion, id. at CR 7(b)(5). Anything short of a 90-day period leaves inadequate  
5 time for the parties to consider the court's ruling and plan for trial or an alternate  
6 resolution.  
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8 Here, the parties request a continuance in order to take expert depositions long  
9 after discovery ends and propose to shorten the deadline between dispositive motions and  
10 trial. Without a compelling reason to do so, the court declines to abandon its case  
11 management principles outlined above.

12 Filed and entered this 18th day of September, 2006.  
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